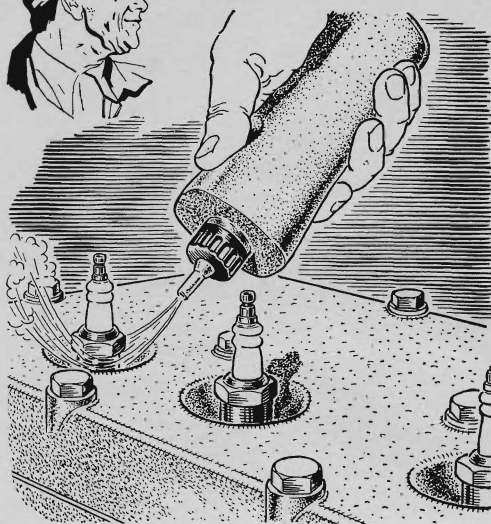
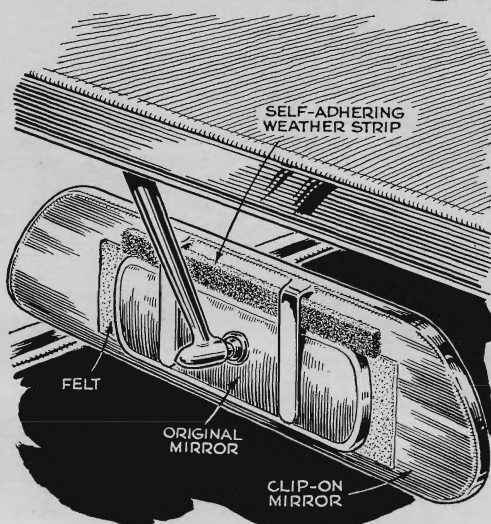




# Hints from the Model Garage



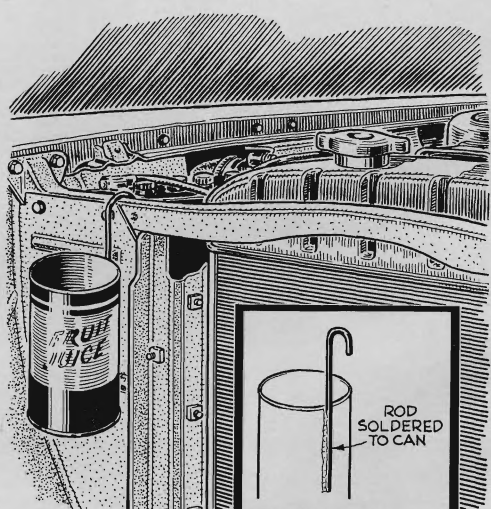
To blow dirt from around spark plugs before you remove them, use an empty snip-off-cap plastic detergent bottle. A few good squeezes will whisk the dust away. The same method can be used to blow lint out of heaters without damaging them.



That oversize clip-on mirror won't loosen and rattle if mounted this way. Place a length of weather stripping just above the stock mirror to carry the weight of the clip-on. Cement a piece of felt to the back of the clip-on to absorb vibration.

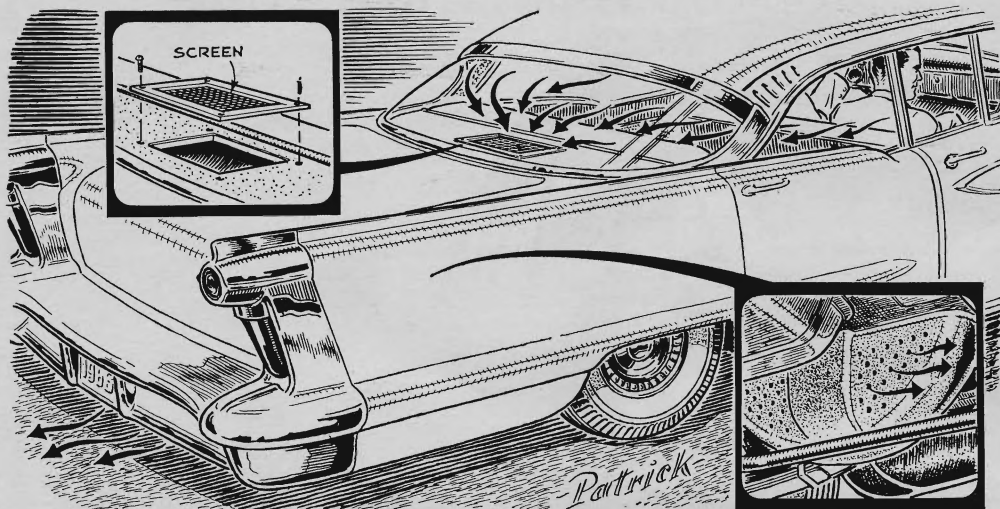


Hold cans upright in a truck bed with inexpensive, readily available magnetic cup hooks. Bend each hook closed to form an eye. When slipped over the neck of the can, the eye keeps the can from overturning and perhaps spilling its contents.



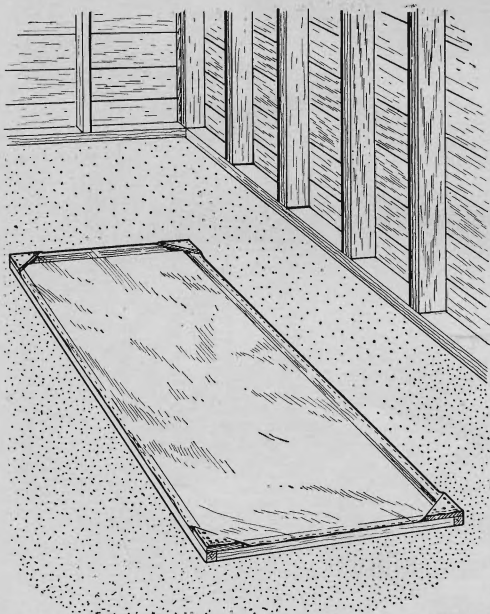
A container for holding small parts can be a big help when you're working under the hood. Use a small tin can and a foot-long piece of rod bent into the shape of a cane. Solder the rod to the can and form the hook to fit the top of the radiator guard.

## More Hints from the Model Garage



A rear-window air-exhaust duct provides ventilation without need for open rear windows. Cut an opening in the rear-window shelf (most late-model cars come with a cutout for a rear speaker in the metal bracing under the cardboard) and install a

metal screen. Then drill the sides of the spare-tire well full of holes to allow the air to flow out of the trunk. Locate the holes where water can't splash in. Vents under the dashboard will give adequate air flow. Closed windows eliminate draft.



To keep your garage floor clean, build this simple pan for catching grease drippings. From one-by-one stock, cut two 7' and two 2' lengths. Form a frame, brace the corners with plywood, and staple on an inexpensive plastic dropcloth.

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